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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2814**

**PATENT**  
**0033-0694P**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	SUMIKAWA, et al.	Conf.:	2465
Appl. No.:	09/782,180	Group:	2814
Filed:	February 14, 2001	Examiner:	D. NGUYEN
For:	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

**LETTER REGARDING INTERVIEW OF FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 27, 2003

Sir:

The Interview Summary given to the undersigned correctly summarizes the interview. Additionally, as understood from the position of the Primary Examiner, a semiconductor of the reference would be very small in thickness, and accordingly, the tape of the reference would inherently provide reinforcement. The undersigned did state there was no evidence of this, and that inherency (implicit) cannot be based on probability or possibilities.

**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 15, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Appeal Brief (in triplicate) on behalf of the Appellants in connection with the above-identified application.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 19, 2003.

Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee for filing an Appeal Brief - \$320.00 (large entity).

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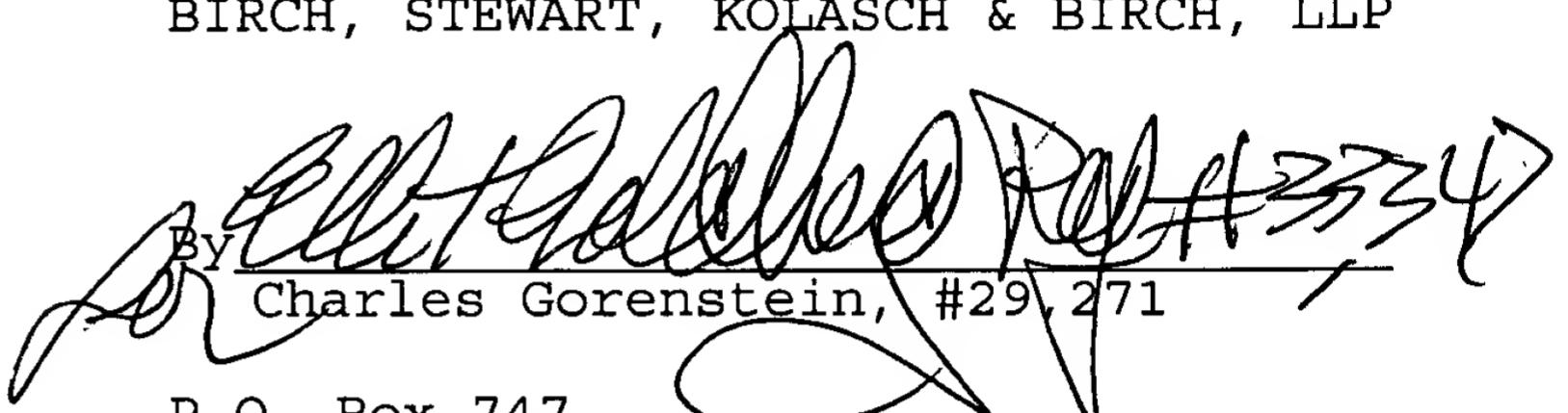
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